

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended by this supplemental preliminary amendment, which supplements the preliminary amendment filed July 14, 2004, is respectfully requested.

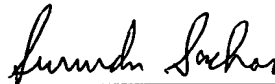
After entry of the foregoing amendments, Claims 1-56 are pending in the present application. Claims 55 and 56 are added without the introduction of new matter.

New Claims 55 and 56 are added to recite first and second predetermined angles along the sheet stacking surface and the intermediate transfer member, respectively.¹

An examination on the merits is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ For support, see at least Specification, Figures 7, 10, 12, and 15-17 and their corresponding disclosure.